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SELENIUM TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR THE LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

Per the enclosed 31 August 2001 letter, we have previously sent to you a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report for selenium in the lower San Joaquin River. As indicated in this letter, the 1996 *Basin Plan Amendment for the Control of Agricultural Subsurface Drainage Discharges in the San Joaquin River Basin* and the TMDL report, *Selenium TMDL for the Lower San Joaquin River*, contain all of the necessary components of a TMDL and satisfy requirements of the Clean Water Act. Subsequent to our 31 August letter, the Regional Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements, Order No. 5-01-234, on 7 September 2001. The Selenium TMDL for the Lower San Joaquin River is being implemented through these Waste Discharge Requirements. Pursuant to federal Clean Water Act section 303, we are submitting this TMDL for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's approval.

In 1996, the Regional Board adopted the *Basin Plan Amendment for the Control of Agricultural Subsurface Drainage Discharges in the San Joaquin River Basin* via resolution 96-147. This basin plan amendment was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on 19 September 1996 under SWRCB Resolution No. 96-078. The amendment was approved by the California Office of Administrative Law on 10 January 1997. The amendment was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on 24 May 2000.

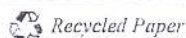
We look forward to receiving your approval of this TMDL. Please call me if you have any questions or your staff may contact Matthew McCarthy at (916) 255-0735 or Les Grober at (916) 255-3091.

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Enclosure

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Enclosed is a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report for selenium in the lower San Joaquin River, submitted to satisfy our San Joaquin River Selenium TMDL workplan commitment for the integrated 2000-2001 Clean Water Act Sections 104/106 Grant Workplan.

In 1996, the Regional Board adopted the *Basin Plan Amendment for the Control of Agricultural Subsurface Drainage Discharges in the San Joaquin River Basin* (enclosed). The Amendment included selenium water quality objectives and an implementation plan for achieving those objectives for all water years by 1 October 2010. The implementation plan included a prohibition of discharge and the development of waste discharge requirements as control measures. We have previously submitted TMDL reports for selenium in Salt Slough and the Grassland Marshes.

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Please call me if you have any questions or your staff may contact the Regional Board staff working on this TMDL, Matt McCarthy at (916) 255-0735 or Les Grober at (916) 255-3091.

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